

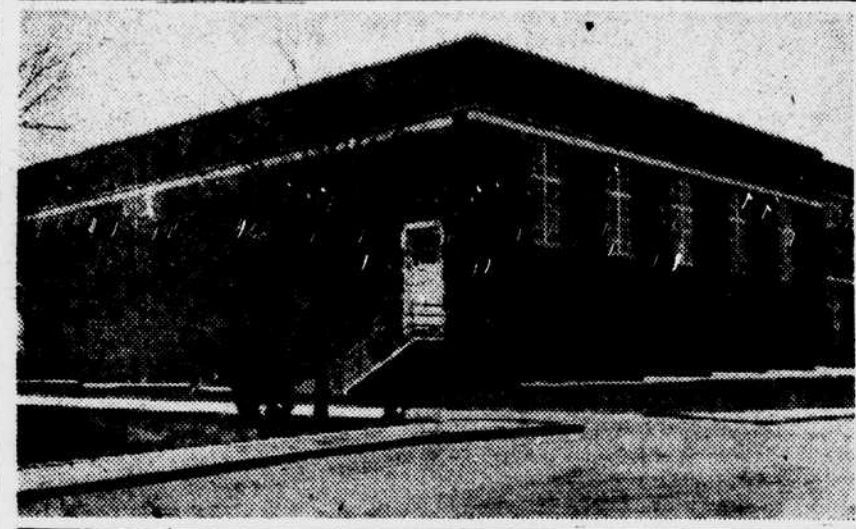
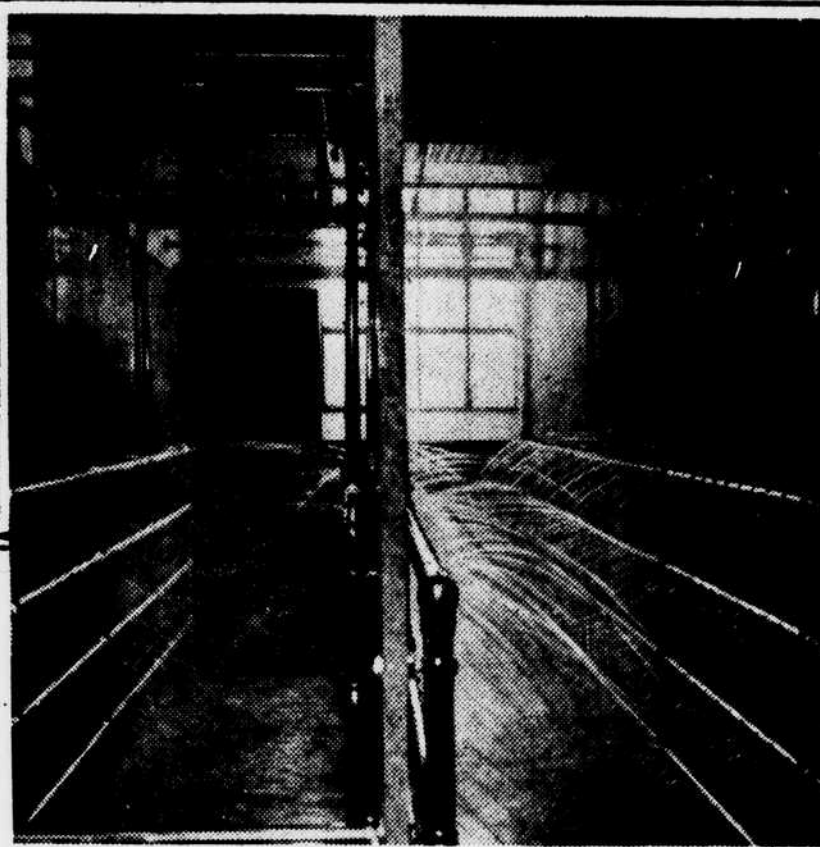
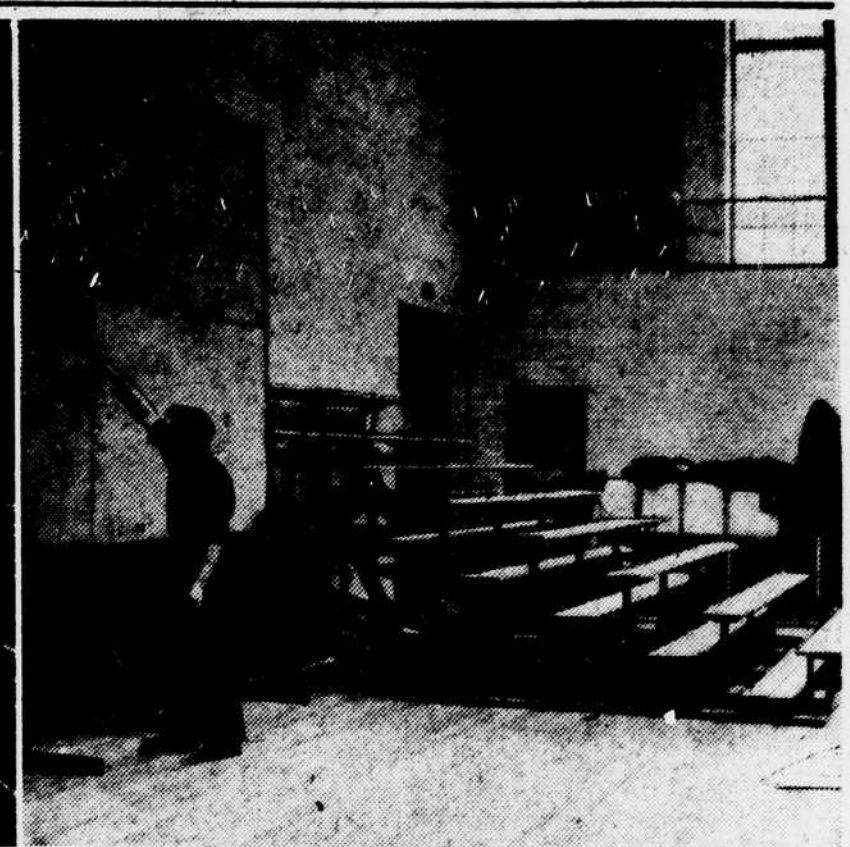
WASHINGTON, D. C., FEBRUARY 20, 1938.

D. C. BILL HEARINGS
NEAR CONCLUSION;
REPORT DUE SOONMeasure Likely to Reach
Senate Floor by End
of This Week.INCREASE IN DEFICIT
APPEARS PROBABLERequest of Commissioners to Put
Lighting Charge on General
Fund May Be Followed.By J. A. O'LEARY.
The 1938 District appropriation bill
probably will be ready to report to
the Senate by the end of this week,
after several more days of hearings,
starting at 10 a. m. tomorrow.Although no decisions will be reached
until the hearings close, about Wed-
nesday, indications are the House
measure will be materially changed in
detail provisions. While Chairman
Thomas, Democrat, of Oklahoma, is
anxious to hold the total down, in
view of the city's tax situation, ap-
pears likely the revised measure will
increase the expected deficit to be
met by added taxation.Under the House bill the deficit,
necessitating the pending tax bill, was
about \$2,000,000, in the general fund.
The Senate subcommittee, it is be-
lieved, will follow the request of the
Commissioners to have street lighting
charged to the general fund, which
would add \$765,000 to the deficit in
that fund. The House turned down a
move to transfer lighting to the high-
way fund, on the ground it would con-
stitute a diversion of that fund, and
similar opposition has developed in
the Senate hearings.

May Restore Other Cuts.

There also are signs the Senate may
reluctant to hold the total down, in
view of the city's tax situation, ap-
pears likely the revised measure will
increase the expected deficit to be
met by added taxation.If the \$765,000 for street lighting is
charged to the general fund, as now
seems probable, there is more likeli-
hood of the \$650,000 being retained
under the highway fund to start the
new Pennsylvania Avenue bridge
southeast, since there would be ample
balance in that fund to cover the
bridge item.Chairman Thomas has indicated he
may urge postponement of the Dupont
and Thomas Circle traffic underpasses,
which call for \$480,000 and \$530,000,
respectively. If they should be elimi-
nated there would be a large balance in
the highway fund, which, under ex-
isting law can be spent only for speci-
fied purposes relating to highways and
traffic administration.One of the remaining days of hear-
ings will be devoted to discussion of
whether the \$900,000 allotment for
unemployment relief in the House bill
should be increased. A number of
organizations and civic groups are
expected to take part in that hearing.Training School May Be Kept.
It is believed the Senate subcom-
mittee will provide for continued oper-
ation of the National Training School
for Girls and the Children's Receiving
Home. The House bill contemplated
housing the training school inmates
at the Lorton Reformatory and send-
ing children to the house of detention
instead of the receiving home.It also is probable the Senate will
approve the supplemental estimate for
a new \$400,000 city reservoir, to be lo-
cated in the Soldiers' Home Grounds,
since the bill as passed by the House
left more than a sufficient balance in
the separate water revenue fund for
this project. Officials were not ready
to submit the reservoir estimate until
the House had acted.As the bill passed the House it car-
ried a total of approximately \$45-
076,000, covering all three funds—
general, highway and water. To this
must be added, however, the \$765,000
for street lighting, which was left out
entirely when the House declined to
approve its transfer to the highway
fund. What the total will be when
the bill is reported to the Senate will
depend, however, on a number of
other proposed increases and decreases
being considered.TOWERS IS NAMED
AERONAUTICS AIDECommander of Aircraft Carrier
Saratoga Will Swap Jobs
With Read.Capt. A. B. Read, assistant chief
of the Bureau of Aeronautics in the
Navy Department, and Capt. J. H.
Towers, commander of the U. S. S.
Saratoga, will swap posts next June.
In announcing the transfers yesterday
the Navy Department called attention
to the outstanding aeronautical
career of Capt. Towers, who has
held an air pilot's license longer
than any other man in the Navy.
Capt. Towers was assigned as
commanding officer of the aircraft
carrier Saratoga. Before then he
had served a tour as chief of staff of
aircraft with the Battle Force.

Dancing Taboo in New Multi-Shower, Multi-Feature Gym at Eastern High

Complete with seven shower rooms, 24 electric clocks, a
compressed cork ceiling, the new Eastern High School gym-
nasium is expected to be ready for action February 28 when
Eastern is scheduled to meet Episcopal High School in a basket-
ball game. An additional feature is a 24-foot sliding door that
divides the main floor into separate sections for activities of
boys and girls and folds back against the wall when the whole
floor is being used. No dances here, however, the faculty says.Like an auto laundry is this modern shower room for the
boys. After soaping up in an anteroom with several overhead
sprays, the lads will enter the right-hand aisle, the water gradu-
ally getting warmer till it reaches its highest temperature at the
far end. Coming back down the left-hand side, the water
gradually gets cooler and cooler until they reach the end and
step out into a drying room. The girls have individual showers.A pull of the hand will bring these spring-balanced grand-
stands into readiness. Seats for more than 1,500 can be pre-
pared in 15 minutes. Special rooms and showers are available
for the Community Center. Citing the shower accommodations in
the new building, Assistant Principal T. J. Holmes laughed:
"Any student at Eastern who needs a bath and doesn't get one,
just doesn't want one."
—Star Staff Photos.STATUE OF BEADLE
WILL BE UNVEILEDSouth Dakota to Present
Memorial to Hall of Fame
This Week.A statue of Gen. William H. Beadle,
Civil War soldier and pioneer educa-
tor in the Northwest, is being placed
in the Hall of Fame at the Capitol
this week by South Dakota.
Funds for the statue were provided
by the students and teachers of the
State in recognition of his service to
education in that section of the coun-
try. He advocated the township sys-
tem of school organization. An in-
scription on the statue reads:
"Gen. W. H. Beadle, 1838-1915. Educa-
tor, Conservationist, Statesman and
Soldier. Through his leadership
twenty million acres of school lands
were saved to posterity in South Da-
kota, North Dakota, Montana, Wash-
ington, Idaho and Wyoming. Presen-
ted to South Dakota by the United
States by the teachers and children
of South Dakota, 1938."The statue will be unveiled at exer-
cises in Statuary Hall at the Capitol
at 4 p. m. Wednesday. The presenta-
tion will be made by Gov. Leslie Jen-
sen, and accepted by Vice President
Garnett. The South Dakota congres-
sional delegation is being assisted in
making the arrangements by Barrett
Lowe, chairman of the Beadle Cen-
tennial Commission.
Prior to the ceremonies the South
Dakota delegation will give a luncheon,
and after the exercises a dramatiza-
tion of the life of Gen. Beadle will
be broadcast by the National Broad-
casting Co. at 6 p. m.
Speakers at the unveiling exercises
will include Senators Bulow and
Hitchcock and Representatives Hilde-
brand and Clegg, and a South Da-
kota, and W. W. Howes, who is first
Assistant Postmaster General and
president of the South Dakota So-
ciety. Observances are being held
throughout the State this year in
honor of the 100th birthday anniver-
sary of Gen. Beadle.Y. M. C. A. TO SPONSOR
LECTURES ON HYGIENEDr. Carl A. Wilzbach of Cincin-
nati Delivers First of Series
Wednesday at Lions Club.Dr. Carl A. Wilzbach, executive sec-
retary of the Cincinnati Social Hy-
giene Society, will deliver the first
of a series of lectures here at 12:30
p. m. Wednesday at a luncheon of the
Lions Club in the Mayflower Hotel.
His subject will be "A Common Sense
Health Program."Wednesday at 8 p. m. he will speak
before young people groups at the
Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church on
"Preparation for Marriage" and
Thursday at 10:45 a. m. will speak be-
fore students of the Woodward Boys'
School on "Becoming a Man." Again,
he will speak on "Preparation for Mar-
riage" at 8 p. m. Thursday before stu-
dents in the George Washington Uni-
versity auditorium.At 12:30 p. m. Friday he will speak
before executives of character-building
agencies on "Co-ordination in Public
Health" in Barker Hall of the Y. W.
C. A. and at 8 p. m. that day will speak
at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian
Church to a group of young married
persons on "Making a Go of Marriage."
The addresses here will be under
auspices of the Young Men's Christian
Association and the Lester E. Ward
Sociological Society.

TRACKS TO BE REMOVED

Work to Go Ahead on 9th Street
Between G and K.Street car tracks on Ninth street
between G and K streets, now unused,
will be removed during the coming
"working" season, in connection with
plans to repave the street, under an
order issued by the Joint Board of
Public Utilities Commissioners and the
District Commissioners.
Bus service has been substituted for
street cars on Ninth street.CAPITAL ARRANGES
WASHINGTON RITESPatriotic, Veteran and Civic
Groups to Mark Birth-
day Tuesday.Led by its patriotic, veteran and
civic organizations, the Capital will
join Tuesday in a traditional observance
of George Washington's birth-
day.
Chairman Sumners of the House
Judiciary Committee is to be the
anniversary speaker at the annual
meeting at 10:30 a. m. of the Asso-
ciation of Oldest Inhabitants of the
District in the Old No. 19 Engine
House, Nineteenth and H streets N.W.
Pilgrimages to the tomb of Wash-
ington at Mount Vernon, a special
show in the riding hall at Fort Myer
and a banquet of the Military Order
of the Purple Heart, founded by Gen.
Washington, will be other features of
the local observance.All Federal and District Govern-
ment offices and the public schools
are to be closed.

Purple Heart Order Banquet.

National officers of the Military
Order of the Purple Heart will be
among the honor guests of the Dis-
trict department of the order at the
banquet Tuesday night in the Ken-
saw Hotel, Sixteenth and Irving
streets N.W.Maj. J. Siewar Richardson of the
Veterans' Administration will act as
toastmaster, and speakers will be Earl
Goodwin, news writer and radio
speaker, and Capt. Fred C. Kochi,
national service officer of the Legion
of Valor. Department Comdr. E. B.
Petty will preside.In tribute to the horsemanship of
Gen. Washington, officers in charge
of the Washington's Birthday Horse
Show at Fort Myer Tuesday evening
have arranged a program intended to
test the mettle of both horses and
riders.Maj. A. W. Roffe, in charge of ar-
rangements, has sought to provide
something new and different in the
showing and the manner of negotiat-
ing them. All entries will be permitted
to school their mounts over the courses
at least twice prior to the show.Judges for the show will be Col.
Warren W. Whitledge, commanding the
Front Royal Remount Depot; Col. W.
Gordon, Army War College; Harry
H. Semmes, joint master riding and
Club Hounds, and Sterling W.
Larrabee, master, Redlands Hunt.Members of District Post, No. 17,
Irish War Veterans, will make a pil-
grimage to Mount Vernon, leaving
their headquarters, 1132 Eighteenth
street N.W., by automobile at 10 a. m.
Representative McGowan, Democrat,
of California, will speak at the tomb.
All Irish societies and veterans' or-
ganizations are invited to join in the
tribute.Members of George Washington's
Post, No. 1, American Legion, will
make their annual pilgrimage to Mount
Vernon, assembling at 10 a. m. at Con-
necticut avenue and H street N.W.
Comdr. John P. Dull will place a
wreath on the tomb.A George Washington celebration
was held last night by the Interior
Department Recreation Association in
co-operation with other Federal em-
ployees' recreation associations in the
cafeteria of the new Interior Depart-
ment. The program included an all-
Stars dance and an inspection of the
building.

ASSIGNED TO AIR SCHOOL

Seven Army Air Corps officers now
on duty in Washington, four in the
War Department and three at Bolling
Field, have been assigned to duty as
students at the Air Corps Tactical
School, Maxwell Field, Ala., for the
1938-39 course.Officers assigned from the office of
the chief of the Air Corps are Maj.
Rowland C. W. Blesley, William E.
Souza and James A. Mollison and
Capt. Donald P. Stace. Bolling Field
officers in the group are Capt. Ar-
thur L. Bump, Jr., and George W.
McGregor and First Lt. Stanley K.
Robinson.Sufferers From Cataplexy
Dare Not Laugh, Clinic Is Told
Dr. Dickens Describes Strange Condi-
tion in Which Emotion Causes Pa-
tient to Fall, Helpless.By THOMAS R. HENRY.
The strange story of men who can't
laugh was told at the annual post-
graduate clinic of George Washington
University Medical School yesterday
by Dr. Paul F. Dickens, associate
professor of medicine.He showed moving pictures of one
Washington victim of this weird con-
dition of cataplexy, in which any emo-
tion may cause the patient to lose
control of the muscles and topple over
helpless on the floor without losing
consciousness. Laughing is a suf-
ficient emotional expression to bring
on such an attack.The man pictured by Dr. Dickens
couldn't tell a funny story. When he
got to the point of the joke he would
topple over. Such falls may result in
severe injuries. Such a man can't
afford to become angry or feel intense
sorrow. Fear will cause just such a
collapse, a fact which gives a possi-
ble clue to its genesis.Cause of Disease Unknown.
Nobody knows what causes the dis-
ease. Certain animals, however, have
the instinctive reaction of playing
dead when they are in a tight fix.The opossum is a well-known ex-
ample. It may be that this reaction
is very deeply seated in the make-up
of mammals. In man and most other
higher species it is subordinated so
that it seldom actually is manifested.
In the course of evolution the mam-
mals have found better ways of deal-
ing with emergencies. But such a
reaction, once acquired, apparently is
never lost, but buried. In these cases,
it may be, the repression machinery
of the nervous system is out of gear
so that the long delayed reflex comes
out all at once.The animals which "play dead" of
course, do not laugh. This seems to
be an emotional expression reserved
for men. For the lower animals life
is altogether too serious a proposition
for laughter. But man's emotions,
after all, are derived from those of
the lower creatures, and the reaction
may be refined. The cataplexic reac-
tion is to an emotion, however pleasant
or unpleasant, because originally any
emotion was apt to be a response to
danger.This explanation, however, is only a
hypothesis. Dr. Dickens explained.
There is no national treatment for the
condition, but administration of thy-
roid extract had good empirical re-
sults in this particular case.

Attended by Narcolepsy.

Cataplexy is invariably attended by
another strange condition known as
narcolepsy. Victims of this condi-
tion suffer from irresistible drives to
fall asleep several times during the
day. Wherever they are they drop
into profound slumber instantane-
ously. For a crisis condition there is
no very dangerous procedure if one
happens to be driving an automobile
or walking across a busy street. The
case shown by Dr. Dickens was that
of a Washington clerk, who would fall
asleep at his desk. Another case was
that of a farmer near Washington,
who would fall asleep while plow-
ing the field and the plow handles and
lie down in the furrow.The sleep lasts from two or three
minutes to 15 or 20. Once the vic-
tim awakens, he goes on with what
he was doing, just as before. There
is no break in one's chain of thought,
such as would come with ordinary
slumber. For a crisis condition there
is no accepted explanation. Not all
narcoleptics are cataplexics, Dr. Dic-
kens said, but all cataplexics are nar-
coleptics.The remarkable effects of insulin
and metrazol in the treatment of the
type of insanity known as dementiaNEW BILL DRAFTED
IN D. C. CRIME WARWould Require All With Pris-
on Records to Register
With Police.A bill designed to make criminals
shun the Capital by requiring all men
and women with prison records to
register at Police headquarters was
being prepared by District officials
yesterday for early submission to Con-
gress.Maj. Ernest W. Brown, superin-
tendent of police, said the measure
would have the double effect of caus-
ing many criminals to leave Wash-
ington and deter others from coming
here rather than furnish police the
detailed information about themselves
that would be required.Penalties provided for violation of
the law would give police a powerful
new weapon in curbing the activities
of suspicious characters, against whom
no action can be taken under present
laws, Maj. Brown added.He said the bill was being drafted
by Corporation Counsel Elwood H.
Seal along the lines of an ordinance
recently put into effect with "satisfac-
tory" results in Philadelphia. Copies
of the Philadelphia ordinance were
being studied by police and other
District officials.The Philadelphia law requires all
persons living there who have served
prison sentences within 10 years any-
where in the world to register at
police headquarters, furnish such
relevant information about their rec-
ords as may be required by the super-
intendent of police and notify police
address.Newcomers to the city subject to
the law are required to report at
police headquarters within six hours
of their arrival.The Philadelphia ordinance provides
a penalty of \$100 fine or 30 days im-
prisonment for violation.It specifies that the information
furnished to police shall be held as
confidential, "not to be disclosed ex-
cept to police authorities for the pre-
vention or punishment of crime or
the detection of crimes."YOUNG WOMAN CLERK
HELD UP, THEN FAINTSFound Unconscious on Bakery
Shop Floor After Armed
Bandit Flees.Found unconscious on the floor of
a bakery shop at 3114 Georgia ave-
nue N.W. last night, Beatrice Notari,
23-year-old clerk, told police, after
being revived at Emergency Hospital,
that she had fainted when held up
and robbed by a colored man, armed
with a pistol.Miss Notari said she was alone in
the bakery when the colored man
entered, pointed the gun at her and
demanded money, all the while keep-
ing a sharp eye on the door and two
companions waiting in a sedan at the
curb outside. She said she gave him
about \$4 from the cash register and
\$2 from her purse and then fainted.A colored boy, passing by, saw the
girl lying on the floor and notified a
laundry clerk next door, who called
police. She was treated at the hos-
pital for mild shock, later going to
her home at 619 Irving street N.W.

Lighting Cost Shift Urged.

Transfer of the \$765,000 annual cost
of the District's street lighting from
the city's general revenues to the
gasoline tax and highway fund was
advocated yesterday by the Wash-
ington Taxpayers' Association.LOIS SIMMS' HUNT
PUSHED BY POLICEMore Friends of Missing Riv-
erdale Heights Girl Are
Questioned.Maryland police were still ques-
tioning friends of Lois Eleanor Simms
last night, hopeful of uncovering infor-
mation that might aid in solving the
mystery surrounding the disappear-
ance last Monday of the 15-year-old
Hyattsville High School student.Meanwhile search was being pushed
for a 19-year-old Riverdale boy,
wanted by investigators for further
questioning. Officers talked with the
youth several days ago after he sud-
denly quit the Hyattsville school, but
did not hold him.Henry C. Briscoe, Prince Georges
County policeman, said the boy denied
reports he had been "going around"
with Miss Simms. When police were
informed later that Lois had been
seen leaving his home several days
before her disappearance he could not
be found.A number of the girls' classmates
and friends were questioned late yester-
day, but they were unable to pro-
vide authorities with any infor-
mation of value.The Riverdale boy, who was in the
senior class at Hyattsville High, left
school after relatives of the missing
student questioned him as to her
whereabouts. He told police he had
done so to escape the "ribbing" of
classmates.Officers were told by the youth,
whose parents are in Florida, that he
planned to enroll at Tech High here.
He said he intended going to Wash-
ington to visit friends and left word
where he could be reached. However,
according to police, he never ap-
peared at the friends' residence.Both Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Simms,
parents of the girl, who live in Riv-
erdale Heights, and her older sister,
Miss Ruth Simms, 26, expressed fear
that she had been kidnapped or held
with foul play, and an appeal
for aid was made to the Federal Bu-
reau of Investigation Friday.F. B. I. officials said they could not
clearly establish that the girl's dis-
appearance had any angle of a "Fed-
eral violation through which they
could enter the case and said they
could merely list her as a missing
person.MAN PLEADS NOT GUILTY
TO BUS HOLD-UP CHARGEJudge Holds Him for Grand Jury
Under \$1,500 Bond—Revol-
ver Held Hidden.Stanley P. Samson, 34, of the 400
block of Decatur street N.W., was held
for the grand jury under \$1,500 bond
after being arraigned before Judge
Edward M. Cullen in Police Court yester-
day on a charge of robbery. He
pleaded not guilty.Walter Bierweg, 4713 Third place
N.W., a Capital Transit Co. bus driver,
identified Samson as the man who
held him up on his bus at gun point
the night of February 2 after he
stopped at Kansas avenue and Decatur
street N.W., thinking Samson a pros-
pective fare. Several passengers were
on the bus at the time. Samson is
alleged to have robbed the driver of
\$3 and some change. Police said at
least one person, besides the bus driver,
had identified Samson in a police
line-up.Police officers who arrested Samson on
February 10 said he attempted to hide
a .25 caliber pistol behind the seat
car seat en route to the police station.CAPITAL SUFFRAGE
URGED AT SESSION
OF CITIZENS' UNITFederation Also Opposes
Board to Control All Rec-
reational Facilities.FIERY DEBATES MARK
THREE-HOUR MEETINGLeaders of Group Directed to Work
for Local Franchise—Rec-
ommended by Finch.Local suffrage was urged for the
District, and the proposed creation
of a board of recreation to have con-
trol over all play facilities was op-
posed last night by the Federation of
Citizens' Associations in a session
marked by a number of fiery debates.
Practically all of the three-hour meet-
ing was devoted to the two topics.
Federation officials and members of
the Suffrage Committee were directed
to work for a local franchise, but it
was stipulated that any specific plan
that might be developed must be
brought before the body for approval.
The action was taken on recom-
mendation by Wilbur S. Finch, chairman
of the Suffrage Committee. He urged
that federation officials be authorized
to act on their own initiative or in
co-operation with other groups "to
secure through appropriate congres-
sional action the reorganization of the
District Government into a modern,
effective, and economical political
government, with adequate provision
for the effective participation by Dis-
trict citizens in the election and con-
trol of such government consistent
with the congressional power of ex-
clusive legislation over the seat of
government."

Finch Leader of Movement.

Mr. Finch, who is a leader of the
new civic movement for municipal
suffrage, declared there is a growing
will among the people of the District
to place complete control of local
affairs in the hands of District resi-
dents. He added that members of
Congress desire to be relieved of re-
sponsibilities for the city adminis-
tration.A. D. Calvert, Lincoln Park de-
legate, urged rejection of the resolu-
tion, raised fears of local politics and
insisted that "when the District is
worthy of a better form of govern-
ment, it will come about naturally
without any effort."In reply, William J. Tucker of Ana-
costia, said that "when we get the
vote Congress will pay some atten-
tion to residents of the District," and
W. H. Seagust of Manor Park pro-
tested that District finances now are
dominated by the Federal Budget
Bureau.

Prairie Present Government.

M. M. McLean of Brookland in-
sisted that the District has the best
government of any large city of the
country and voiced the doubt that its
citizens would voluntarily could be
matched by substitution of an elected
form.Fred S. Walker of Park View, Jesse
C. Suter of the Society of Natives and
James P. Duhamel of the Association
of Oldest Inhabitants were among
many delegates who supported the
resolution.Opposition to proposed centraliza-
tion of control over recreation facilities
under a new board was registered in
adoption of a motion by H. C. Phillips,
chairman of the Federation's Educa-
tion Committee, which found that the
proposal tended to deprive the Board
of Education of its rightful and full
control of its public school properties
of all kinds at all times."The Federation favored complete
control of all public school properties
and personnel, whenever and however
used, by officials responsible only to
the Board of Education.

Recreation Board Proposed.

The board of recreation is proposed
in legislation which has been suggest-
ed by officials of the National Capital
Park and Planning Commission. The
Education Committee opposed the plan
on two major grounds:"First, that the set-up of the board
would leave the general citizenry and
schools in a powerless minority, in
that a majority could easily be mus-
cled by the other official agencies, and"Second, that authority would be
given the Recreation Board to control
the buildings and grounds of the pub-
lic schools, including the use of their
assembly rooms, gymnasiums, swim-
ming pools, stadiums and school play-
grounds and the dominance of those
facilities during all periods of recrea-
tion, with no responsibility to the
Board of Education beyond some un-
certain 'agreement' which the Recrea-
tion Board might reach with the
Board of Education—an agreement
which might conceivably be coerced
or influenced by a strong majority of
the Recreation Board."Mr. Phillips explained that as the
bill now is suggested, the proposed
Recreation Board would consist of one
of the District Commissioners, the
superintendent of schools, the superin-
tendent of National Capital Parks, the
chairman of the National Capital Park
and Planning Commission and one
District resident to be appointed by
the District Commissioners.U. G. E. FORUM TO HEAR
LAMBERTSON OF KANSASRepresentative Lambertson of Kan-
sas will be the speaker at the United
Government Employees' Forum this at-
tention at 3 o'clock in the Garnet-
Patterson Junior High School Auditor-
ium, Tenth and U streets N.W.
His subject will be "Justice for Low-
Paid Workers in the Government."
Edgar Brown, president of the
group, will report on the progress
made toward securing a \$60 yearly
raise from Congress for employees in
the lower brackets.

BAND CONCERT.

By the Navy Band at 2 p. m. to-
morrow in the East Loft, Navy Yard.
Lt. Charles Bentler, leader; Alexander
Morris, assistant leader.